

USA PATRIOT ACT AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize certain provisions of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, to clarify certain definitions in the Foreign Intelligence Surveil-

lance Act of 1978, to provide additional investigative tools necessary to protect the national security, after receiving testimony from Valerie Caproni, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, David S. Kris, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Daniel P. Collins, former Associate Deputy Attorney Chief Privacy Officer, all of the Department of Justice; and Joseph Onek, Constitution Project, and James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 2560–2616; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165–166; and H. Res. 294–297, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed on May 25 (Legislative day, May 24), 2005 as follows:

H. Res. 293, providing for consideration of H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–96).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 270, providing for the consideration of H.R. 303, to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 211.

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Rejected the Etheridge motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 210.

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Agreed to:

Sanders amendment that increases funding for Energy Supply and Conservation;

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Markey amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to contract with or reimburse any Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensee or the Nuclear Energy Institute with respect to matters relating to the security of production facilities or utilization facilities; and

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Boehlert amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into an agreement obligating the U.S. to contribute funds to ITER before March 1, 2006.

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Rejected:

Markey amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Supply and Conservation (by a recorded vote of 110 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 207);

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Jones of North Carolina amendment that sought to increase funding for the Operation and Maintenance fund of the Corps of Engineers (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 208); and

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Stupak amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to accept deliveries of petroleum products to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 209).

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Withdrawn:

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike sections 311 and 312 of the bill regarding Laboratory Directed Research and Development, Plant Directed Research and Development, and Site Directed Research and Development;

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Filner amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to issue, approve, or grant any permit for the transmission of electric energy in the U.S. from a foreign country if any portion of such electric energy is generated at a power plant located within 25 miles of the U.S. that does not comply with specific air quality requirements;

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Stupak amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement a policy to use or consider the amount of tonnage of goods that pass through a harbor to determine if a harbor is high-use; and

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Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses.

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Point of Order:

Section 104 regarding multiyear contracts for water resources projects.

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H. Res. 291, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 203.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005: H.R. 2520, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (agreed to ex-

tend the time for debate on the measure), by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 431 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 205; and

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Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005: Debated on May 23: H.R. 1224, amended, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 206.

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Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 204.

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The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, May 23.

Recess: The House recessed at 11 p.m. and reconvened at 12:10 a.m. on May 25, 2005.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3772.

Senate Referrals: S. 188 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3779, H3851–52, H3852, H3852–53, H3874–75, H3875–76, H3876, H3877–78, and H3878–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to Review the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from David Shipman, Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee